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JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS

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1. FOLLOWING IS FINAL AGREED TEXT:

2. BEGIN TEXT: JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS/REPORT TO THE SPANISH-UNITED STATES COUNCIL, MAY 1977:

I. RESPONSIBILITY
THIS JOINT COMMITTEE IS ASSIGNED A BROAD MANDATE BY THE SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT ON FACILITIES (NUNBER 6) AND THE AGREEMENT IN IMPLEMENTATION TO SEEK TO ASSURE THE NECESSARY COORDINATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AND TO RESOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AS MAY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION OF THESE AGREEMENTS. THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS FOUR CO-CHAIRMEN, EACH PARTY HAVING A DIPLOMATIC AND A MILITARY CO-CHAIRMAN. IT MEETS IN WORKING SESSION TWICE A MONTH AND IN PLENARY SESSION EACH TWO MONTHS.
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IN ADDITION, BOTH SIDES EXCHANGE OFFICIAL MEMORANDA AS NECESSARY.

II. IMPLEMENTATION
THE COMMITTEE IS FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY, WITHIN ITS AUTHORITY, TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS AND ADVANCE COOPERATION. MAJOR TASKS ASSIGNED TO AND UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE THUS FAR HAVE INCLUDED:

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A. THE PREPARATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AN INVENTORY OF FACILITIES USED BY U.S. FORCES WITHIN EACH SPANISH MILITARY BASE.
STATUS: THE PHYSICAL INVENTORY OF NAVAL FACILITIES HAS BEEN COMPLETED. SOME PROBLEMS CONCERNING AIR FORCE FACILITIES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED.

B. THE MAINTENANCE OF A LIST CONTAINING THE IDENTIFICATION AND GENERAL STRENGTH LEVELS OF THE UNITED STATES MILITARY UNITS STATIONED IN SPAIN.
STATUS: THE INITIAL LIST WAS PROVIDED IN APRIL 1976 AND UPDATED IN APRIL 1977. THE SPANISH SIDE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY TO SPECIFY IN GREATER DETAIL THE DATA RELATIVE TO IDENTIFICATION OF GENERAL FORCE LEVELS, AND DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN INITIATED IN THIS REGARD.

C. THE HANDLING OF AUTHORIZATION BY THE SPANISH GOVT FOR MOVEMENTS OF NUCLEAR-POWERED SHIPS IN SPANISH JURISDICTIONAL WATERS, AS WELL AS THEIR ENTRY INTO AND DEPARTURE FROM SPANISH PORTS.
STATUS: ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED FOR SEVERAL VISITS BY U.S. NAVY NUCLEAR-POWERED SURFACE SHIPS AND SUBMARINES TO VISIT ROTA. IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT THESE REQUESTS SHALL NORMALLY BE PRESENTED WELL IN ADVANCE SO THAT SPANISH AUTHORITIES CAN COMPILE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION PRIOR TO MAKING A DECISION; HOWEVER, IN URGENT CASES, AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN GRANTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

D. THE PREPARATION OF GUIDELINES TO COORDINATE SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATION AT THE SPANISH BASES WITHIN WHICH FACILITIES
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HAVE BEEN GRANTED TO U.S. FORCES.
STATUS: AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED THAT EXISTING GUIDELINES AND POLICIES WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE COMMITTEE HAS WRITTEN NEW ONES. THE SPANISH BASE COMMANDERS AND LOCAL U.S. FORCES COMMANDERS ARE COOPERATING WITH THE COMMITTEE IN THIS TASK.

E. THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PROCEDURAL ANNEXES XI AND XII CONCERNING THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PIPELINE AND STORAGE FACILITIES.
STATUS: U.S. AND SPANISH DRAFTS HAVE BEEN EXCHANGED AND THE NEGOTIATION PHASE HAS BEGUN.

F. ENSURING THE COMPLETION OF AN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT ON THE IMPROVEMENTS TO, MAINTENANCE OF, AND COST-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING NETWORK (COMBAT GRANDE).
STATUS: THIS TASK IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SPANISH AND UNITED STATES AIR FORCES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

G. THE REIVEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSALS MADE BY THE UNITED

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STATES FORCES FOR MAJOR WORKS AND CONSTRUCTIONS, WITHIN THE FACILITIES GRANTED, PURSUANT TO A SPECIFIC DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL.
STATUS: THE JOINT COMMITEE HAS APPROVED VARIOUS PROPOSALS MADE BY THE U.S. FORCES.

H. THE PROCESSING OF UNITED STATES PROPOSALS FOR U.S. AND COMBINED SPANISH-U.S. MILITARY EXERCISES.
STATUS: MAJOR AIR DEFENSE AND AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISES INVOLVING BOTH SPANISH AND UNITED STATES AIR, NAVAL, AND MARINE FORCES, AS WELL AS UNITED STATES EXERCISES, HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE STATUS OF U.S. FORCES IN SPAIN, INCUDING THOSE INVOLVING CRIMINAL JURISDICTION AND CLAIMS, CUSTOMS AND FISCAL ISSUES, AND LABOR AFFIARS.

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IN SUMMARY, THE JOINT COMMITTEE HAS PURSUED ITS MANDATE VIGOROUSLY. THE COMMITTEE HAS PROCESSED 214 OFFICIAL MEMORANDA, 44 LEGAL CASES, AND 14 LABOR CASES AND HAS APPROVED 18 U.S. CONSTRUCTION REQUESTS. THE LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IS INCREASING.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS
THE JOINT COMMITTEE DOES NOT HAVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME. END TEXT.STABLER

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